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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1973

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

USOECN PARIS 887

AMCONSUL CALGARY UNN

AMCONSUL HALIFAX UNN

AMCONSUL MONTREAL UNN

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AMCONSUL ST JOHNS UNN

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SUBJECT: HALT IN MIDDLE EAST OIL SHIPMENT TO CANADA

REF: OTTAWA 2546

1. EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP IN COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD OCTOBER 25
ANNOUNCED THAT INFORMATION GOC HAD RECEIVED THAT SAUDI ARABIA
HAD HALTED AN OIL SHIPMENT TO CANADA WAS INCORRECT. HE STATED
COUNTRY WAS ABU DHABI NOT REPEAT NOT SAUDI ARABIA.

2. SHARP ALSO INFORMED COMMONS THAT AT MORNING MEETING WITH
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ARAB AMBASSADORS HE HAD IMPRESSED UPON THEM THAT CANADA AS

MATTER OF LONG-STANDING POLICY KEEPS POLITICS OUT OF COMMERCIAL AND AID RELATIONS AND EXPECTS OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONING, SHARP SAID ARAB AMBASSADORS CLAIMED NO REPEAT NO KNOWLEDGE OF REASONS FOR REPORTED ABU DHABI ACTION AND THEREFORE HE COULD NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER WITH THEM.

3. ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD SPECULATED THAT ABU DHABI MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THAT OIL SHIPMENT TO PORTLAND, MAINE IS FOR BONDED PIPELINE TRANSIT TO MONTREAL.
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